

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-25, and 27-69 are currently pending. Claims 5, 6, 9, 12, and 26 have been canceled. New Claims 34-69 have been added.

Claim Objection

Claim 8 was objected to for inclusion of the word "are." This word has been deleted. Also, typographic corrections have been made to Claims 2 and 4.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. To correct the indefiniteness, the words "in particular" have been deleted from Claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 USC § 112 should now be removed.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC § 102 and 103

With the exception of Claim 12, the original claims of the present application were rejected as fully disclosed or obvious in light of those several references set forth in Sections 3 through 8 of the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 12 as well as the subject matter of the intervening Claims 5 and 9. Claim 12 was designated in the Office Action as containing allowable subject matter. Thus, original Claims 5, 9 and 12 have been deleted and the dependency of the claims depending therefrom have been revised. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-25, and 27-33 should now be found allowable.

New Claims

Claims 34-69 have been added to more fully define the present invention.

Closure

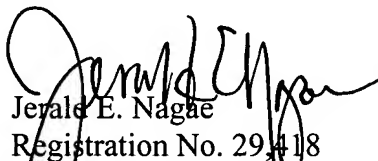
Applicants respectfully submit that with the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any

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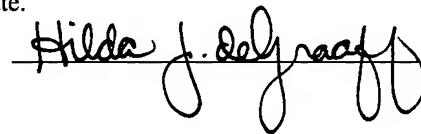
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